

BRISTOL PLANNING COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING OF DECEMBER 30, 2014

ATTENDANCE: Chairman William Veits (Chairman)  
Commissioner John Soares (Vice Chairman)  
Commissioner Gary Harrigan  
Commissioner Roland Loranger (Alternate)  
City Engineer, Paul Strawderman  
City Planner, Alan Weiner  
Assistant City Planner, Robert Flanagan

ABSENT: Commissioner Marie Keeton (Secretary)  
Commissioner Anthony Dell'Aera  
Commissioner Gary Lawton (Alternate)  
Commissioners Jodi Zils Gagne (Alternate)

Chairman Veits called the special meeting of the Commission to order at 7:02 PM in Meeting Room 1 of the Bristol City Hall. Chairman Veits recognized Commissioners Soares, Harrigan and Loranger as being in attendance. Chairman Veits also recognized the Commission staff that was present along with Mr. Glenn Chalder of Planimetrics.

**1. Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Commissioner Soares to approve the minutes of the Commission's March 4, 2014 special meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Harrigan. In favor: Soares, Harrigan and Loranger. Against: none. The motion carried 3-0.

**2. Update of 2000 Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD)**

Mr. Chalder introduced the following agenda topics of this meeting:  
Update of 2000 Plan of Conservation and Development (PoCD)

- a. Commission review of first draft of 2015 Plan of Conservation and Development  
The Commission conducted an in depth review of each chapter of the initial working draft of the plan, facilitated by Mr. Chalder. Mr. Chalder explained that there are three (3) thematic elements to the draft plan:
  - 1) Conservation Strategies
  - 2) Development Strategies
  - 3) Infrastructure Strategies

All 17 chapters of the draft plan were reviewed by the Commission. Comments were made by the Commission and Staff, and Mr. Chalder agreed to refine certain elements of the plan, with these comments in mind. Mr. Chalder will however wait until after the Public Information Session, scheduled for January 24, 2015 at 9 AM at the Bristol Public Library, before making any changes to the plan. Public input on the plan will be the key to any refinements in the draft.

- b. Next steps  
The Commission briefly reviewed with Mr. Chalder some of the next steps for eventual plan adoption by June 30, 2015. As noted above, a Public Information Session on the draft plan, will be held on January 24, 2015 at 9 AM at the Bristol Public Library.

**3. Public Comment**

City Planner Weiner offered his comments and observations to the Commission with respect to the challenges faced by the Great Barrington, Massachusetts area, and drew parallels to some of the same challenges faced by the City of Bristol.

Two members of the public offered comments on plan compliance with statewide and regional planning goals.

**4. Adjournment**

Motion was made by Commissioner Soares to adjourn.  
Motion seconded by Commissioner Harrigan.  
Motion carried 4-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 PM  
These minutes are a summary of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Flanagan - Assistant City Planner

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Marie Keeton  
Secretary  
City Planning Commission